BRITISH SUBJECT

Taking Any Positive Action-Interesting Developments Anticipated.

Washington, February 20.—A slumbering Mexican situation to-day was brought quickly to a point of intense intermitional interest by the flash of a message saying William S. Benton, a British subject, had been killed in Juarez by order of General Francisco Villa, the Constitutionalist commander. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador, conferred with Secretary Bryan about it President Wilson and his Cababout it President Wilson and his Cab-inet discussed it briefly, and the State Department ordered a thorough investigation by consular representatives

partment; one was that Benton had been executed after a military trial. A copy of the sentence of the court, setting forth the evidence in the case, was promised the American consular representatives. Mr. Bryan said a full report of the affair was on its way by mail from Cours! Edwards to when mail from Consul Edwards, to whom General Villa personally had explained

The killing of a British subject under circumstances such as dispatches from the obrder portray caused a stir in diplomatic circles. Those familiar with the aggressive attitude Great Britain assumed in pressing for reparation when her subjects have been wronged, were inclined to foresee interesting developments.

No Responsibility on United States. Discussion of the case between the developed clearly the absence of any responsibility on the part of the United States for the killing of a British subject, even though the investigation should prove it to have been unjustifiable. The United States, it was asserted, had acted as a friend and exerted every effort to save the man's life, and the fact that through its consular offices the American government might have virtually recogniz-ed the de facto control of Villa over a certain portion of Northern Mexico it was held, in no wise increased its liability for the actions of that n-

The British government, through the embassy, was informed that the State Department is waiting the mailed report upon the tragedy from American Consul Edwards.

Though the report referred to is not liber to reach here for a few days, details of the incident began to filter in. he state Department in brief dis-patches to-night. The departure of General Villa for the South was not looked on by officials here as having any connection with the death of Ben The information reported to the State Department was that Villa had been planning the move South for sev-

Arouses Storm of Indignation.

El Paso, Texas, February 20.—A storm of indignation to-day broke along the border when it became known that William S. Benton, a British subject, and wealthy land holder in Mexico, who disappeared on Tuesday, had been executed by rebels in Juarez after he had made a protest to General Francisco Villa about alleged

A mass-meeting was held to-night. the State Department at Washington for its alleged suppression of the con-sular report of the Benton case, and calling on Congress to demand from the Department of State a full record of alleged crimes and outrages against

foreigners in Mexico. The meeting came as the climax of of excitement caused by news of the death of Benton. The meeting was first called for Cleveland Square, but Mayor Kelly, in a letter to George Curry, former Governor of New Mexico, asked him to rent a hall, as he regarded an open meeting as dangerous. The Mayor said he would suppress any attempt to hold the meeting in the

open. A theatre was rented, and messengers turned the crowd from Cleveland Square to the building. Former Governor George Curry, of New Mexico, was the principal speaker. se was named a committee of one a an impromptu indignation meeting in the lobby of the Hotel Sheldon, headquarters of foreigners driven out of Mexico, to investigate the killing of

Benton, but his inquiries developed nothing not previously published. Mr. first went to Thomas D. wards, United States consul at Juarez.

Seek for Information.
"Mr Consul," he said, "the people of El Paso and foreign refugees from Mexico are in a feverish state because of the murder of William Benton. (Continued On Third Page.)

THREE KILLED BY OUTLAWS

BRITISH SUBJECT

KILLED IN JUAREZ

BY VILLA'S ORDER

Slumbering Situation

Brought to Point of Intense Interest.

UNITED STATES

ORDERS INQUIRY

State Department Is Awaiting Mailed Report Upon Tragedy From Consul Edwards Before Taking Any Positive Action—Interesting Devel
The Bellingham, Wash., February 20.—Three passengers on a Great Northern passenger train, bound for Vancouver, a Canadian Pacific conductor; R. L. Lee, of Bremerton, Wash., and M. B. Mc-Elhoes, a traveling salesman, of Vancouver, were the men killed.

The bandits boarded the train at Burlington, a few miles south of the place where they attacked the passengers in the day coache. They rode in the smoking car until they were ready to act. They then they hands, but four men attempted to resist. Three of these were felled almost instantly. Two of the men had gone on through with one bandit, the robber at the end of the car began shooting into the vestibule. As the three men grappled with one bandit, the robber at the end of the car began shooting into the vestibule and quickly fired ten shots. Lee was not killed outright, and tried to crawl behind the rear seat. The bandit kept firing, and five or six shots entered Lee's back. None of the shots fired by the other bandit hit any one.

The robber who killed the men turned back to the front of the coach. As he

shots fired by the other bandit hit any one.

The robber who killed the men turned back to the front of the coach. As he passed along, several women held their purses out in the aisles. He gathered up several and ran. The bandits left the train together, as it came to a stop from a signal given by the conductor, who had heard the shooting from another coach.

Posses were formed here, and a special train was sent to the scene, but on account of the wilderness of the surrounding country, little hope is held out for the capture of the outlaws.

It is thought they may have taken a boat and gone to the San Juan Islands, as the holdup took place on the edge of Bellingham Bay.

VOTES TO REDUCE CAPITAL

Bacon Provides for Park as Memorial to His Dead. Sons.

Macon, Ga., February 20.—An estate, valued approximately at \$290,000, and consisting principally of real estate in Macon, was left by the late United States Senator A. O. Bacon. Nearly all of this property was owned by the Senator when he entered the Senator when he entered the Senator when he entered the Senator since then is represented by a modest bank account or small bond investments. He provides that after the death of his wife and daughter, seventy-five acres in the heart of Macon, valued at nearly \$100,000, together with the sum of \$10,000, shall be given to the city of Macon for park purposes as a memorial to his "ever lamented and only sons," twins, who died in 1884. His library, comprising 4,000 or 5,000 volumes, is given to his daughter and representations. vife were separated for over twent ive years, he referred to her tender and generously in the will, which offered for probate to-day. He les her the family residence and an nuity of \$1,800.

NO CHANGE IN RATES

Proposed Increases on Furniture Suspended from February 20 to June 20. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, D. C., February 20.—Proposed Increased rates on furniture in carloads from Virginia and North Carolina to Utah, Nev., and other points known as "Intermountain territory" over all railroads, were to-day ordered suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission from February 20 to June 20, pending investigation into complaints alleging that they are excessive.

25 cents per hundred pounds, were com-plained of by the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' Association, with head-quarters at High Point, N. C., of which almost all the manufacturers of the two States are members.

HORSES SUFFOCATED IN CAR

Ten Thoroughbred Animals Found Dead on Way to Sumter.

Sumten, S. C., February 20.—Ten thoroughbred horses, on their way to the Sumter Horse Show, were suffocated while being shipped here from Lexington, Ky. The animals were part of a shipment of eighteen traveling in an ordinary box car. The Sumter purchaser to-day stated that a stock car had not been available. Rallway rules prevented the side door being nailed open. When the car reached Knoxville ten of the eighteen horses were dead and another had developed pneumonia. All were high-priced pneumonia. All were high-priced horses, and two were valued at \$1,000

GLASS ON SPEAKING TOUR

Will Address Business Men in Western Towns—Not Likely to Visit Richmond. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, D. C. February 20.—Representative Carter Glass left this evening for the West on a speechmaking tour that will consume about a week. He will address meetings and conventions of business associations, on banking and currency at Peoria, Ill., February 21; Detroit, Mich., on February 23; Saginaw, Mich., on February 24; and Elmira, N. Y., on February 26.

v 26. will return to Washington on Fri-He will return to Washington on Friday, February 27, but it is altogether unlikely that he will make the trip to Richmond to attend the convention of the Progressives there on February 27 and 28.

SOCIETY PEOPLE IN MOVIES

Will Take Part in Play Being Written
by Preston Gibson.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, February 20.—Preston
Gibson, society playwright, is writing
a spectacular moving picture play. The
chief actors will be notable society
people, mostly from the diplomatic
corps, and the mob scenes will have
a caste of debutantes and bachelors of
society. A number of specialty dances
will be danced by groups of society
people in the embassy ball scene, Some
of the incidents of Mr. Gibson's play
will be taken from real life at the caplital.

the rights of the States and the Federal government, he had "decided to

ESTATE VALUED AT \$200,000 | "It seemed to me that the proper point of view from which to approach was to consider not only the law, but also the equities and interests of all concerned, so as to decide upon a policy consonant with law and with the equities and interests aforesaid.

The amendment of Senator Chamber-lain again was offered and rejected without a roll call. Other amen, ment then were proposed one of them reserved.

streams. Nevt is the immediate soveries over them, which would ditect this matter, and have power with respect thereto, were it not for the paramount power above alluded to, which resides in the Federal government. Finally, there is the Federal government with absolute power, by reason of its ability legally to prevent the doing of anything without its consent. Therefore, the proper solution seems to me to be a support that the service of the proper solution seems its international obligations.

His Confidence Increases.

A proposal that domestic commerce of all nations be exempted from canal tolls, it was made clear, would not be acceptable to the administration. Information had reached the President, which gave him confidence that a repeated provision would pass both houses of Congress, and the action in the Senate to-day served only to increase that confidence so far as the upper House was concerned. Therefore, the proper solution seems to me to be to adopt a policy which recognizes the equitable sphere of each of those in interest. I conceive the equitable sphere of the Federal gov-The increases, which range from 3 to great public utility, wherever availed will benefit the greatest number under the most favorable terms possible; and, in doing so, to recognize the justice (not as a matter of law), of the State enue from the operation of this public utility within its confines, and regu-lating it for the benefit of its people.

New Public Dam Act.
"The draft of the bill which I here with hand you, and which, if it meets with your approval, I suggest you introduce into Congress, seeks to accom-plish the objects I have above outlined. It is a new public dam act.

"Briefly speaking, it provides that those who wish to dam a navigable stream and incidentally create water power, must, as at present, obtain the right so to do from their State, must obtain authority from the Congress. The company seeking this right must be a public utility company, and subject to laws regulating public sion, utilities, so that its operations may be properly regulated and controlled. The State in which this company is incorporated, or in which It operates, must, for the protection of the and the prevention of monopoly and other misuse, have provided a com-mission or body authorized and empowered properly to regulate public utilities of this character, and body or such law must have provided proper regulations to the end that the company shall make proper use of the utility, give proper service, make only reasonable charges, and otherwise conduct itself in a way to conserve the right of the people in the use of the public utility. in all cases where the provisions have been complied with, the Secretary of War may issue the permit. The franchise or right may be for any period up to fifty years.'

Eminent Educator Dead. Eminent Educator Dend.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lexington, Ky., February 20.—Prof.
Samuel Mitchell Jefferson, sixty-five
years old, one of the most eminent
biblical scholars and educators in the
United States, died to-day of heart
disease. He was stricken on the street.

All Officers Re-Elected. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, February 20.—William A.
Day, president, and all other officers
of the Equitable Life Assurance Society were to-day re-elected.

OF GOVERNMENT OF GOVERNMENT ON WATER POWER FIRST FIGHT ON TREATY QUESTION TREATY QUESTION TREATY QUESTION TO DEWEY'S STORY Garrison Presents Administration's Views to Committee Chairman. SUGGESTS NEW PUBLIC DAM ACT As Approved by President, Effort Is Made to Recognize Equitable Sphere Both of States and Federal Authorities, With Public Interests, Safeguarded. Washington, February 20—Beredary Washington, February 20—Beredary Washington, February 20—By detailed to The Times-Diapatch.] WILLIAMS IS OPTIMISTIC Thinks Few Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] WILLIAMS IS OPTIMISTIC Thinks Few Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Williams (Soptimistic) Thinks Few Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Sew Heever's System. [Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Williams (Soptimistic) Thinks Few Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Williams (Soptimistic) Thinks Few Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Sew Heever's System. [Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Williams (Soptimistic) Thinks Few Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Thinks Few Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Sew Heever's System. [Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Thinks Is OPTIMISTIC Thinks Pew Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Sew Heever's System. [Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Thinks Is OPTIMISTIC Thinks Pew Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Thinks Pew Banks Will Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Thinks Is The Times Diapatch.] Som libration the Tederal Tenser's System. They made and this without the banking of the national Paw Power's They and the children's Annual Paw Power's They are and the swill Hold out From (Special Cable to The Times-Diapatch.] Thinks Is They and the Admitted to The Times-Diapatch.] Thinks Is They and the Admit And Is a PRESIDENT WINS

Washington, February 20.—By de-feating amendments to general arbi-tration treaties pending renewal with lations.

The supreme test of strength in the treaty controversy came on an amendment to the Spanish treaty, urged by

O'Gorman, who conducted the attack a situation which had reached what appeared to be a permanent standstill, was to consider not only the law but

what is the wise policy to adopt that next important foreign issue to ocsomething may be done? The interests cupy the attention of Congress there

something may be done? The interests to be considered and the equities with respect thereto, I view as follows:

"First, of course, there are the communities which will benefit by the utilization of the water power developed by the placing of dams in navigable are the united States will stand firmly by its international obligations.

connaence so far as the upper House was concerned.

In the House the President has found a leader to carry on the fight for the repeal in Representative Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Majority Leader Underwood, who does not agree that the verynition consti dent long closed, and was without political significance. Von Diederichs, as the German official in most directly concerned and most familiar with the treaty, has assured the President that he will organize no opposition to repeal. In disposing of treaty amendments, the Senate cleared the way, in the opinion of leaders, for smoother sailing in all international negotiations. The Asiatic question, it is believed, may be taken up by the President and State Department in a diplomatic way without embarrassing interference by Congress. In all other dealings, officials believe the United States will find readier response from abroad as a result of the Senate action.

Votes on resolutions of ratification of all the treaties are expected to-morrow. The Spanish treaty probably will be disposed of first.

Then will come the British treaties and the others in order.

TURNER QUITS COMMISSION

WII Be Succeeded by Former Governor Glenn, of North Carolina.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

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will Be Succeeded by Former Governor Glenn, of North Carolina.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, February 20.—The resignation of George W. Turner, a member of the Canadian Boundary Commisslon, was received at the State Department to-day. The resignation,
which is to be effective March 1, has
been accepted. Turner will be succeeded by former Governor Glenn, of
North Carolina.

Panama Canal

Colonel Goethals has an-Canal will be open to commerce on July 1st.

This date will mark the unlor at the Isthmus of Panama of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and will bring the nations of the world into closer contact than they have ever been.

The great advantage of the Panama Canal will be that it will bring closer to each other the buyer and the seller.

The Times-Dispatch is playing that same part in this section of the country. It brings the buyer and the seller close together, and it is the greatest factor in this community in bringing about trade relations. Advertise in The Times-Dis-

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IGERMAN ADMIRAL

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Berlin, February 20 .-- Angered at to Chairman Adamson, of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, which embodies the water power policy of the national administration as it has been approved by tration as it has been approved by the commerce of the commerc

high officials of both naval and civil

government.

At the time when the Dewey publication first came to the attention of the imperial government there was a long consultation in high quarters, it is understood, as to the advisability of taking some sort of official action, consonant with law and with the equities and interests aforesaid.

"Legally speaking, I do not think there can be any dispute that, with respect to the question of power, the position of the Federal government is paramount. Nothing can be done without its consent, and only that can be done to which it consents. There is no justification for a policy of donothing. Therefore, the question is what is the wise policy to adopt that something may be done? The interests

Diederichs personally.

While the text of the statement is being carefully kept secret, it is understood that it will deal exhaustively with the international legal situation developing in Manila Bay, and seek to prove that the blame for whatever mistakes may have been committed there rests not with the Germans, but with Dewey for his

WILLIAMS IS OPTIMISTIC

BANDITS GET \$100,000

Officers Expect to Capture Train Rob-bers in Birmingham.

bers in Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., February 29.—
Officers working on the case expected to capture within a few hours the train robbers who last night held up a fast train on the Queen and Crescent and robbed the mail car of a large sum. It is believed the men are in Birmingham, and that they came directly from the scene of the robbery to this city. It is known that they left the terminal station here last night at 7 o'clock in a taxicab, and that two men got out of the automobile near Trussville, Ala., not far from the place where the robbery was later committed.

While the amount of money secured will not be known until formal report is made to the Treasury Department, one of the clerks in an unguarded moment to-day expressed the belief that the loss will not be less than \$100,000.

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It is believed the bandits are mem-bers of a gang which has made Birm-ingham its headquarters for the past two years, and committed robberies in the South during that time in which the losses will aggregate nearly \$500,-600. Rewards of \$1,000 for each of three men known to be implicated in the rob-bery have been offered by the postal authorities.

MAY BE RAISED TO EMBASSY

Flood Introduces Bill Affecting Argentine Republic.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., February 20.—
Representative Flood, of Virginia, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, at the request of Secretary of State Bryan, to-day introduced a bill authorizing the Fresident to appoint an ambassador to the Argentine Republic, at an annual salary of \$17,500.

The effect of the bill will be to raise the present minister to the rank of ambassador. John W. Garrett, a Republican, of Baltimore, is the present minister, and it is generally understood in Washington that President Wilson does not intend to substitute a Democrat for Garrett. Garrett is a grandson of former President John W. Garrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio Raliroad. He is an old friend of President Wilson and a graduate of Princeton.

PENROSE IN RACE AGAIN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Philadelphia, Pa., February 20.— Benjamin S. Phillips, of Scranton, sher-iff of Lackawanna County and superin-tendent of the Lackawanna Rallrond, stated to-day, following a visit to Senator Penrose, that the latter vir-tually announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to the United States Senate. States Senate.
Senator Penrose said: "Mr. Phillips assured me that indications point to my carrying Lackawanna County against Mr. Dimmick at the primaries by a large project."

HOUSE PROCEEDS TO INVESTIGATE SOLDIERS' HOME

Names Committee to Begin Work Despite Senate's Refusal.

PRESENT STATUE TO GREAT BRITAIN

Bronze Replica of Houdon's Washington Will Be Given Mother Country in Celebration of Centennial of Peace Between English-Speaking Peoples.

Failing to secure the co-operation of the Senate, the House of Delegates will proceed at once to investigate Lee five having been named yesterday, in accordance with a resolution offered by Mr. Toney. The patron again stated that he did not charge any graft or misappropriation of funds, but from information that had come to him the wards of the State in this institution named as the committee of investigation Messrs. Toney, Stubbs, Myers, Leedy and Milstead. The committee is instructed to report its findings with-

in ten days. Present Statue to Great Britain. Both houses of the General Assembly George Washington, the original of which stands in the State Capitol at Richmond and ranks, aside from its being the only statue of Washington made from life, as the most valuable piece of marble in America. Delegate J. Davis Reed, of Portsmouth, author of the resolution, read to the House telegrams from Secretary of State Bryan and from Walter H. Page, American ambassador to Great Britain, showing that such a gift on the centennial of peace between the English speaking nations of the earth would

be acceptable. The Senate spent almost the entire day on the appropriation bill.

The House has not yet taken up the consideration of appropriation items on the floor, though its Appropriation Committee has given unusually careful study to the subject, and is about ready to make its report. The recommendation of Speaker Cox that the work of Virtually Announces Candidacy for Reinto a committee on finance to consider all matters relating to income, a committee on appropriations to committee on appropriations to consider outgo, seems to have been abundantly justified in the detailed care with which the committee has gone over the appropriation bill item by item: while at the same time the Finance Committee has been considering a great variety of important subjects that have come up at this session.

No Discourtesy to Chamber.

Some spice was added to the sessions of both houses yesterday by protests from Senator Echols, of the Senate Finance Committee, and Chairman Weaver, of the House Finance Committee, against criticism of those bodies

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